

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A netting comprising longitudinal ribbons and interconnecting transverse ribbons, each longitudinal ribbon comprises a single strand of material looped at regular intervals throughout said each longitudinal ribbon forming a plurality of apertures and a plurality of links, adjacent apertures of said plurality of apertures being separated by a respective link of said plurality of links, said netting including at least one interconnecting reflective indicator extending from an end of the netting along a longitudinal direction of the netting, said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator interconnecting through at least a portion of said plurality of apertures of the plurality of longitudinal ribbons in a manner such that said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator includes an elongation capability between 0% and at least 40% when the netting is elongated.

2. (Currently Amended) The netting of claim 1, wherein the at least one reflective indicator is-at-least also includes at least one of the longitudinal ribbons.

3. (Currently Amended) The netting of claim 1, wherein the at least one reflective indicator is-at-least also includes at least one of the transverse ribbons.

4. (Currently Amended) The netting of claim 1, wherein the at least one reflective indicator is-a comprises a reflective indicator strip arranged adjacent to at least one of the longitudinal ribbons.

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5. (Currently Amended) The netting of claim 4, wherein the reflective indicator strip is threaded through at least a portion of the apertures of at least one of the longitudinal ribbons.
6. (Original) The netting of claim 1, wherein the at least one reflective indicator is a reflective indicator strip arranged adjacent to at least one of the transverse ribbons.
7. (Currently Amended) The netting of claim 6, wherein the reflective indicator strip is threaded through the apertures of at least one of the longitudinal ribbons.
8. (Currently Amended) The netting of claim 1, wherein a plurality of openings are formed ~~from~~ between the longitudinal ribbons and the interconnecting transverse ribbons.
9. (Original) The netting of claim 8, wherein the at least one reflective indicator is a reflective indicator strip arranged adjacent to one of the longitudinal ribbons and extends through the openings.
10. (Original) The netting of claim 8, wherein the at least one reflective indicator is a reflective indicator strip arranged adjacent to one of the transverse ribbons and extends through the openings
11. (Currently Amended) The netting of claim 1, wherein the at least one reflective indicator comprises at least two ~~different~~ additional reflective indicators, one of which is ~~at least~~ includes at least one of the longitudinal ribbons, and ~~the other~~ another of which is ~~at least~~ includes at least one of the transverse ribbons.

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12. (Original) The netting of claim 1, wherein the at least one reflective indicator extends over the entire length of the netting.

13. (Original) The netting of claim 1, wherein the at least one reflective indicator extends over a part of the netting length.

14. (Original) The netting of claim 4, wherein the at least one reflective indicator strip extends over the entire length of the netting.

15. (Original) The netting of claim 6, wherein the at least one reflective indicator strip extends over a part of the netting length.

16. (Currently Amended) The netting according to claim 2, wherein the at least one of the longitudinal ribbons includes a plurality of the longitudinal ribbons that are reflective.

17. (Currently Amended) The netting according to claim 3, wherein the at least one of the transverse ribbons includes a plurality of the transverse ribbons that are reflective.

18. (Original) The netting of any one of claim 1, wherein the netting is knitted netting and the interconnecting transverse ribbons are schuss ribbons that zig-zag laterally between adjacent longitudinal franze ribbons.

19. (Currently Amended) A netting comprising:

longitudinal ribbons and interconnecting transverse ribbons, each longitudinal ribbon comprises a single strand of material looped at regular intervals throughout said each

longitudinal ribbon forming a plurality of apertures and a plurality of links, adjacent apertures of said plurality of apertures being separated by a respective link of said plurality of links; and

at least one interconnecting reflective indicator which is in strip form, said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator interconnecting through at least a portion of said plurality of apertures of the longitudinal ribbons in a manner such that said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator includes an elongation capability between 0% and at least 40% when the netting is elongated.

20. (Original) The netting of claim 19, wherein the at least one reflective indicator strip is arranged adjacent to one of the longitudinal ribbons.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) The netting of claim 19, wherein the at least one reflective indicator strip arranged adjacent to one of the transverse ribbons.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) The netting of claim 19, wherein a plurality of openings are formed ~~from~~ between the longitudinal ribbons and the interconnecting transverse ribbons.

25. (Original) The netting of claim 24, wherein the at least one reflective indicator strip is arranged adjacent to one of the longitudinal ribbons and extends through the openings.

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26. (Original) The netting of claim 24, wherein the at least one reflective indicator strip is arranged adjacent to one of the transverse ribbons and extends through the openings.
27. (Original) The netting of claim 19, wherein the at least one reflective indicator strip extends over the entire length of the netting.
28. (Original) The netting of claim 19, wherein the at least one indicator strip extends over a part of the netting length.
29. (Original) The netting according to claim 19, wherein at least one of the longitudinal ribbons and/or at least one the transverse ribbons is reflective.
30. (Original) The netting according to claim 29, wherein a plurality of the longitudinal ribbons and/or a plurality of the transverse ribbons are reflective.
31. (Original) The netting of claim 19, wherein the netting is knitted netting and the interconnecting transverse ribbons are schuss ribbons that zig-zag laterally between adjacent longitudinal franze ribbons.
32. (Original) The netting of claim 19, wherein the at least one reflective indicator strip is located continuously between an end of the netting and a point spaced a predetermined distance from the end, thereby acting as a visual signal to a user that an end of the netting is approaching.
33. (Currently Amended) A netting according to claim 1, wherein the at least one reflective indicator has first and second faces and comprises reflective material on both faces.

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34. (Currently Amended) The netting according to claim 1, wherein the at least one reflective indicator has first and second faces and comprises reflective material only on one face.

35. (Currently Amended) The netting according to claim 1, wherein the at least one reflective indicator comprises a polymeric material.

36. (Currently Amended) The according to claim 1, wherein a substrate of the at least one reflective indicator is made reflective by the addition of refractive particles.

37. (Original) The according to claim 36, wherein the refractive particles are very small glass beads.

38. (Currently Amended) A roll of netting comprising, a length of netting having longitudinal ribbons and interconnecting transverse ribbons, each longitudinal ribbon comprise a single strand of material looped at regular intervals throughout said each longitudinal ribbon forming a plurality of apertures and a plurality of links, adjacent apertures of said plurality of apertures being separated by a respective link of said plurality of links, and at least one interconnecting reflective indicator extending over at least a part of the length of the netting, said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator interconnecting through at least a portion of said apertures of the longitudinal ribbons in a manner such that said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator includes an elongation capability between 0% and at least 40% when the netting is elongated.

39. (Original) The roll of netting of claim 38, wherein the at least one reflective indicator extends over the entire length of the netting.

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40. (Original) The roll of netting of claim 38, wherein the at least one reflective indicator extends over only a part of the netting length, and acts as a visual signal to a user that an end of the netting is approaching.

41. (Previously Presented) A roll of netting comprising the netting according to claim 1.

42. (Previously Presented) A round bale wrapped about its circumference with the netting of claim 1.

43. (Currently Amended) A round bale wrapped about its circumference with Raschel netting, the Raschel knitted netting having substantially longitudinal franzes and interconnecting zigzag schusses, each substantially longitudinal franze comprises a single strand of material looped at regular intervals throughout said each substantially longitudinal franze forming a plurality of apertures and a plurality of links, adjacent apertures of said plurality of apertures being separated by a respective link of said plurality of links, the Raschel netting having an interconnecting reflective strip adjacent to at least one of the substantially longitudinal franzes, at least one of the interconnecting zigzag schusses or both, said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator interconnecting through at least a portion of the apertures of the substantially longitudinal franzes in a manner such that said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator includes an elongation capability between 0% and at least 40% when the Raschal netting is elongated.

44. (Original) A wrapped bale according to claim 43, wherein the at least one reflective indicator strip extends along the entire length of the wrapped netting.

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45. (Original) A wrapped bale according to claim 43, wherein the at least one reflective indicator strip extends along only a part of the length of the wrapped netting.

46. (Currently Amended) A round bale wrapped about its circumference with Raschel netting, the Raschel knitted netting having substantially longitudinal franzes and interconnecting zigzag schusses, each substantially longitudinal franze comprises a single strand of material looped at regular intervals throughout said each substantially longitudinal franze forming a plurality of apertures and a plurality of links, adjacent apertures of said plurality of apertures being separated by a respective link of said plurality of links, the Raschel netting having an interconnecting reflective indicator strip in place at least the form of at least one of the substantially longitudinal franzes, for ~~the~~ a portion of the netting where the reflective indicator strip is present, said at least one interconnecting reflective strip interconnecting in a manner such that said at least one interconnecting reflective strip includes an elongation capability between 0% and at least 40% when the Raschal netting is elongated.

47. (Currently Amended) A round bale wrapped about its circumference with Raschel netting, the Raschel knitted netting having substantially longitudinal franzes and interconnecting zigzag schusses, each substantially longitudinal franze comprises a single strand of material looped at regular intervals throughout said each longitudinal ribbon forming a plurality of apertures and a plurality of links, adjacent apertures of said plurality of apertures being separated by a respective link of said plurality of links, the Raschel netting having an interconnecting reflective strip in place of at least one of said zigzag schusses, for ~~the portion~~ a portion of the netting where the reflective indicator strip is present, said at least one interconnecting reflective strip interconnecting through a portion of the apertures of the longitudinal franzes in a manner

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such that said at least one interconnecting reflective strip includes an elongation capability between 0% and at least 40% when the Raschal netting is elongated.

48. (Currently Amended) A round bale wrapped about its circumference with Raschel netting, the Raschel knitted netting having substantially longitudinal franzes and interconnecting zigzag schusses, each substantially longitudinal franze comprise a single strand of material looped at regular intervals throughout said each longitudinal ribbon forming a plurality of apertures and a plurality of links, adjacent apertures of said plurality of apertures being separated by a respective link of said plurality of links at least one of the substantially longitudinal franzes and/or zigzag schusses being reflective and having at least one interconnecting reflective strip in addition to the substantially longitudinal franzes and zigzag schusses, said at least one interconnecting reflective strip interconnecting though a portion of the apertures of the substantially longitudinal franzes in a manner such that said at least one interconnecting reflective strip includes an elongation capability between 0% and at least 40% when the Raschal netting is elongated.

49. (Currently Amended) A netting material comprising:

a plurality of substantially longitudinal netting ribbons, arranged substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the netting material, the substantially longitudinal netting ribbons traversing a length of the netting material, each substantially longitudinal netting ribbon comprises a single strand of material looped at regular intervals throughout said each substantially longitudinal ribbon forming a plurality of apertures and a plurality of links, adjacent apertures of said plurality of apertures being separated by a respective link of said plurality of links;

a plurality of substantially transverse netting ribbons, arranged substantially transversely to the longitudinal axis of the netting material; and

a reflective indicator arranged longitudinally on the netting material continuously from one end of the netting material to a point located at a predetermined distance from said one end, the reflective indicator acting as a visual signal to a user that an end of the netting material is approaching, said at least one reflective indicator arranged through at least a portion of the apertures of the longitudinal netting ribbons in a manner such that said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator includes an elongation capability between 0% and at least 40% when the netting is elongated.

50. (Original) The netting material of claim 49, wherein the reflective indicator is applied to the netting material in a substantially liquid form.

51. (Original) The netting material of claim 49, wherein the reflective indicator is in the form of a tape applied to a surface of the netting material.

52. (Original) The netting according to claim 19, wherein the at least one reflective indicator strip includes first and second reflective indicator strips arranged on the netting material in different patterns to facilitate distinction between the indicators.

53. (Original) The netting material of claim 19, wherein the at least one reflective indicator strip includes first and second reflective indicator strips arranged on the netting in different locations relative to a center line of the netting material to facilitate distinction between the indicators.

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54. (Previously Presented) The netting according to claim 1, wherein the at least one indicator includes first and second reflective indicators of different colors to facilitate distinction between the indicators.

55. (Withdrawn) A method of wrapping a bale of agricultural produce in a baler comprising:

supplying a baling machine with a roll of netting having:

a plurality of substantially longitudinal netting ribbons, arranged substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the netting material, the longitudinal netting ribbons traversing a length of the netting material;

a plurality of substantially transverse netting ribbons, arranged substantially transversely to the longitudinal axis of the netting material; and

a reflective indicator arranged longitudinally on the netting material continuously from one end of the netting material to a point located at a predetermined distance from said one end, the reflective indicator alerting a user that an end of the netting material is approaching; and

wrapping said bale in said netting using said baling machine.

56. (Withdrawn) A method of wrapping a bale of agricultural produce in a baler comprising:

supplying a baling machine with a roll of netting having:

a plurality of substantially longitudinal netting ribbons, arranged substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the netting material, the longitudinal netting ribbons traversing a length of the netting material;

a plurality of substantially transverse netting ribbons, arranged substantially transversely to the longitudinal axis of the netting material; and

a reflective material arranged longitudinally on the netting material continuously from one end of the netting material to a point located at a predetermined distance from said one end; and

wrapping said bale in said netting using said baling machine, said reflective material adapted to illuminate the ends of said wrapped bale in reduced natural light environments.

57. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 56, wherein the netting provided to the baler also includes reflective indicators strips to identify the end of the netting roll.

58. (Withdrawn) A method of providing a reflective netting, comprising:

- (a) providing a netting having longitudinal ribbons and lateral ribbons that zig-zag between adjacent lateral ribbons and form a series of triangular openings; and
- (b) arranging at least one reflective indicator strip adjacent at least one of the longitudinal and/or lateral ribbons.

59. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 58, wherein the netting has length and the at least one reflective indicator is threaded through the series of triangular openings along at least a portion of said netting length.

60. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 59, wherein the netting has length and the at least one reflective indicator extends through loops in the longitudinal ribbons along at least a portion of said netting length.

61. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 60, wherein the at least a portion of the netting length is the entire length of the netting.

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62. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 60, wherein the at least a portion of the netting length is less than the entire length of the netting.

63. (Withdrawn) A method of providing a netting with a reflective indicator comprising:

(a) providing a first roll of netting having longitudinal and interconnecting lateral ribbons;

(b) incorporating at least one reflective indicator to a predetermined length of the outermost portion of said first roll of netting; and

(c) rewinding the netting from said first roll to form a second roll, such that the outermost portion of netting of the first roll becomes the innermost portion of netting on the second roll.

64. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 63, wherein the at least one reflective indicator is incorporated by applying a reflective material to at least one of said longitudinal and lateral ribbons.

65. (Withdrawn, Previously Presented) A roll of netting produced according to the method of claim 58.

66. (Currently Amended) A reflective knitted netting comprising longitudinal ribbons and interconnected transverse ribbons, each longitudinal ribbon comprises a single strand of material looped at regular intervals throughout said each longitudinal ribbon forming a plurality of apertures and a plurality of links, adjacent apertures of said plurality of apertures being separated by a respective link of said plurality of links, said netting including at least one interconnecting reflective indicator having a retroreflection value of at least 30, said at least one interconnecting

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reflective indicator identifying at least one of an approaching end of the knitted netting and a boundary of the knitted netting and interconnecting said netting through at least a portion of the apertures of the longitudinal ribbons in a manner such that said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator includes an elongation capability between 0% and at least 40% when the netting is elongated.

67. (Original) A roll of netting comprising the knitted netting according to claim 66.

68. (Original) A bale wrapped about its circumference with the knitted netting according to claim 66.

69. (Currently Amended) A reflective knitted netting comprising longitudinal ribbons and interconnected transverse ribbons, each longitudinal ribbon comprises a single strand of material looped at regular intervals throughout said each longitudinal ribbon forming a plurality of apertures and a plurality of links, adjacent apertures of said plurality of apertures being separated by a respective link of said plurality of links, said netting including at least one interconnecting reflective indicator with a retroreflection of sufficient value to permit the netting to be identified at night at distances of at least about 50 meters upon illumination by artificial light, said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator identifying at least one of an approaching end of the knitted netting and a boundary of the knitted netting and interconnecting said netting through at least a portion of the apertures of the longitudinal ribbons in a manner such that said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator includes an elongation capability between 0% and at least 40% when the netting is elongated.

70. (Currently Amended) A netting comprising longitudinal ribbons and interconnecting transverse ribbons, each longitudinal ribbon comprise a single strand of material looped at regular intervals throughout said each longitudinal ribbon forming a plurality of apertures and a plurality of links, adjacent apertures of said plurality of apertures being separated by a respective link of said plurality of links, said netting including at least one interconnecting reflective indicator extending from an end of the netting along a longitudinal direction of the netting, said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator interconnecting through at least a portion of the apertures of the longitudinal ribbons in a manner such that said at least one interconnecting reflective indicator includes an elongation capability of up to 200% when the netting is elongated.